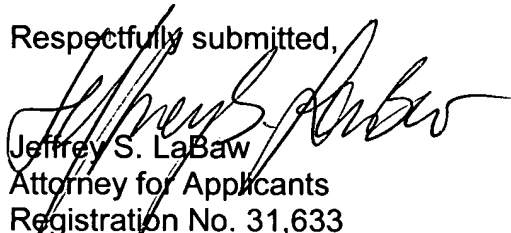


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 were filed in a foreign counterpart for this application. Claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and other formal matters. No new matter has been added. Claims 8 and 10 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for examination and the issuance of a patent containing Claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 12 at an early date is respectfully solicited.

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